WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A non-aqueous electrolyte, comprising: (1) at least one electrolyte salt selected from the group consisting of LiPF₆, LiBF₄, LiAsF₆, LiCl₄, LiN(SO₂CF₃)₂, and a lithium perfluoro-sulfonate, (2) a first non-aqueous solvent selected from the group consisting of at least one cyclic carbonate, linear carbonate, ester, and ether, and (3) a second non-aqueous solvent being at least one of the nitrile compounds represented by the following general formula (I) and (II):

$$N \equiv C - \stackrel{R_1}{\underset{R_2}{\leftarrow}} X \tag{I}$$

wherein R₁, R₂ are selected, independent of one another, from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁₋₃ alkyl, fluorinated C₁₋₃ alkyl groups; wherein X is selected from ether radical having a chemical structure of -O-R₃, ester radical having a chemical structure of

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, and carbonate radical having a chemical structure of

 $C_{-}O_{-}O_{-}C_{-}O_{-}R_{5}$, wherein R_{3} , R_{4} , R_{5} are selected, independent of one another, from the group consisting of C_{1-3} alkyl and fluorinated C_{1-3} alkyl, and

$$N \equiv C - \begin{pmatrix} R_6 \\ - C - (CH_2)y - O - R_8 \\ R_7 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (II)

wherein R_6 , R_7 are selected, independent of one another, from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, fluorinated C_{1-3} alkyl groups; Y stands an integer of 1 and 2; R_8 is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-3} alkyl and fluorinated C_{1-3} alkyl,

wherein the second solvent is present in an amount of from about 20 to about 95% by weight as of the total of non-aqueous solvents.

- 2. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein said electrolyte salt is a mixture of LiPF₆ and LiBF₄ in a molar ratio from about 90:10 to about 50:50.
- 3. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the first solvent is present in an amount of from about 5 to about 80 by weight as of the total of non-aqueous solvents.
- 4. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the second non-aqueous solvent is selected from the group consisting of 3-methoxypropionitrile, 3-ethoxypropionitrile, methoxyacetonitrile, ethoxyacetonitrile, 2-acetoxyisobutyronitrile, 2-cyanoisopropyl methyl carbonate, 2-acetoxyacetonitrile, 2-acetoxyisopropionitrile, cyanomethyl methyl carbonate, and 1-cyanoethyl methyl carbonate.
- 5. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the second non-aqueous solvent is present in an amount of from about 25 to about 80% by weight as of the total of non-aqueous solvents.
- 6. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the second non-aqueous solvent is present in an amount of from about 30 to about 50% by weight as of the total of non-aqueous solvents.
- 7. A non-aqueous electrolyte comprising: (1) electrolyte salt containing LiPF₆ and LiBF₄ in a molar ratio from about 90:10 to about 50:50, (2) a first non-aqueous solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene carbonate, propylene carbonate, diethyl carbonate, dimethyl carbonate, and ethyl methyl carbonate, and (3) a second non-aqueous solvent selected from the group consisting of 3-methoxypropionitrile, 3-ethoxypropionitrile, methoxy acetonitrile, ethoxyacetonitrile, 2-acetoxyisobutyronitrile, 2-cyanoisopropyl methyl carbonate, 2-acetoxyacetonitrile, 2-acetoxyisopropionitrile, cyanomethyl methyl carbonate, and 1-cyanoethyl methyl carbonate.

- 8. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the ionic conductivity of said electrolyte is greater than 9×10^{-3} S/cm at about 25° C.
- 9. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the ionic conductivity of said electrolyte is greater than 1×10^{-3} S/cm at about -30° C.
- 10. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the ionic conductivity of said electrolyte is greater than 3×10^{-4} S/cm at about -50° C.
- 11. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the weight loss of said electrolyte is less than 3% after heated at 90°C for 2 hours.
- 12. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the weight loss of said electrolyte is less than 5% after heated at 90°C for 4 hours.
- 13. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the freezing point of said electrolyte is less than -60° C.
- 14. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the boiling point of said nitrile is higher than 120°C.
- 15. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the flash point of said nitrile is higher than 60°C.
- 16. The non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, wherein the molecular weight of said nitrile is smaller than 90.
- 17. A lithium-ion battery comprising (1) at least one positive electrode made of lithiated metal oxide selected from the group consisting of LiCoO₂, LiNiO₂, LiMn₂O₄, LiFePO₄, and LiCo_xNi_{1-x}O₂ wherein the x is from 0.1 to 0.9, (2) at least one negative electrode made of carbonaceous material selected from the group

consisting of coke and graphite, (3) a separator membrane, and (4) a non-aqueous electrolyte which comprises (i) an electrolyte salt, (ii) a first non-aqueous solvent, and (iii) a second non-aqueous solvent being at least one of the nitrile compounds represented by the following general formula (I) and (II):

$$N \equiv C - \stackrel{R_1}{\underset{R_2}{\leftarrow}} X \tag{I}$$

wherein R_1 , R_2 are selected, independent of one another, from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, fluorinated C_{1-3} alkyl groups; wherein X is selected from ether radical having a chemical structure of -O-R₃, ester radical having a chemical structure of

$$N \equiv C - \begin{matrix} R_6 \\ - C \\ R_7 \end{matrix} - (CH_2)y - O - R_8$$
 (II)

wherein R_6 , R_7 are selected, independent of one another, from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-3} alkyl, fluorinated C_{1-3} alkyl groups; Y stands an integer of 1 and 2; R_8 is selected from the group consisting of C_{1-3} alkyl and fluorinated C_{1-3} alkyl,

wherein the second solvent is present in an amount of from about 20 to about 95% by weight as of the total of non-aqueous solvents.

18. The lithium-ion battery of claim 17, wherein said electrolyte salt comprises a cation and an anion, said cation being selected from the group consisting of lithium ion, sodium ion and potassium ion, and said anion being selected from the

- group consisting of anions of halides of elements of the groups IIIa and Va of the periodic table, halogen anions, and perchloric acid anions.
- 19. The lithium-ion battery of claim 17, wherein said electrolyte salt is selected from the group consisting of LiPF₆, LiBF₄, LiAsF₆, LiCl₄, LiN(SO₂CF₃)₂, lithium perfluoro-sulfonates, and combination thereof.
- 20. The lithium-ion battery of claim 17, wherein said first non-aqueous solvent is selected from the group consisting of cyclic carbonate, linear carbonate, ester, ether and combination thereof.
- 21. A lithium-ion battery comprising (1) at least one lithium-ion positive electrode (2) at least one lithium-ion negative electrode (3) a separator membrane, and (4) a non-aqueous electrolyte comprising: (i) electrolyte salt containing LiPF₆ and LiBF₄ in a molar ratio from about 90:10 to about 50:50, (ii) a first non-aqueous solvent selected from the group consisting of ethylene carbonate, propylene carbonate, diethyl carbonate, dimethyl carbonate, and ethyl methyl carbonate, and (iii) a second non-aqueous solvent selected from the group consisting of 3-methoxypropionitrile, 3-ethoxypropionitrile, methoxy acetonitrile, ethoxyacetonitrile, 2-acetoxyisobutyronitrile, 2-cyanoisopropyl methyl carbonate, 2-acetoxyacetonitrile, 2-acetoxyisopropionitrile, cyanomethyl methyl carbonate, and 1-cyanoethyl methyl carbonate, wherein the first solvent is present in an amount of from about 5 to about 80% by weight as of the total of non-aqueous solvents, the second solvent is present in an amount of from about 20 to about 95% by weight as of the total of non-aqueous solvents.
- 22. A method of making a lithium-ion battery of claim 17, comprising the steps of (a) assembling battery by sandwiching at lease a separator membrane between at least a positive electrode and at least a negative electrode, (b) packaging the assembled battery cell into a battery case, (c) preparing non-aqueous electrolyte of claim 1, and (d) adding the non-aqueous electrolyte into the battery case.